

District IV Commissioner Romney Rogers



FY 2014 Adopted Budget and CIP Now Available Online – The FY 2014 Adopted Budget and Community Investment Plan are available online for your review at http://fortlauderdale.gov/2014Budget_Book/FY2014_Adopted_Budget_Book.pdf and <http://fortlauderdale.gov/documents/cip/CIP2014-2018.pdf>, respectively.

Code Compliance Process Improvement Update – Our Code Compliance Division (CCD) focuses on preserving neighborhood integrity and enhancing the visual appearance of our prominent corridors by enforcing the City's Code of Ordinances. Recent economic conditions, resulting in an increase in foreclosed and abandoned properties, along with a decrease in City revenues, have impacted staff resource needs, as well as the length of time it takes to realize compliance.

Operational improvements (Lien Amnesty and Vacant Property Registration programs) were identified in the FY 2013 City Commission Annual Action Plan (CAAP), and carried over to the FY 2014 CAAP.

In mid-2013, City staff worked together on a Code Compliance Process Improvement effort to identify operational issues and efficiencies opportunities. The new initiative includes plans for a Code Walk (CCD and the City Manager walk through residential and commercial areas to review code priorities and overall concerns), Process Improvement (historic neighbor complaints and code violation data are analyzed and citywide Heat Maps are prepared to help identify the concentration of certain types of violations), and Implementation (standardizing and streamlining the code compliance process, translating into shorter code compliance times). Success will be measured by the reduction in number of days for compliance.

Comprehensive Economic Development Plan Meetings – Please provide your input on this proposed plan. Upcoming meetings are at 6 PM on Jan. 16 and Jan. 30, City Hall Commission Chambers, 100 N Andrews Avenue. To RSVP, call 954-828-6130 or e-mail Eileen Furedi at EFuredi@fortlauderdale.gov.

Sun Trolley Expansion of Downtown Link – On Jan. 2, the expanded Downtown Link Route became operational. To learn more and for the route map, click on <http://suntrolley.wordpress.com/2014/01/02/expansion-of-sun-trolleys-downtown-link-route-provides-connectivity-to-flagler-village-broward-health-medical-center>.

Solid Waste Collection Update – Effective Feb. 1, Republic Services' trucks start rolling through neighborhoods. The company is transitioning to a new fleet of quiet, energy-efficient Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) trucks for the collection of residential garbage and yard waste. The new CNG trucks are 10 times quieter and have 50% fewer emissions than diesel trucks. Your collection day schedule stays the same, but your collection times may change. Collection hours are 7 AM – 6 PM.

Household Hazardous Waste – With proof of residency, City residents can participate in free drop-off events:

- City of Coral Springs, 4181 NW 121st Ave., Feb. 1 from 9 AM - 2 PM
- City of Fort Lauderdale, 301 N Andrews Ave., Feb. 8 from 9 AM - 2 PM

To review the guidelines, see http://fortlauderdale.gov/public_services/trash/hazardous_waste.htm.

New Executive Director at MIA SF – After a three-year search, the Marine Industries Association of South Florida has appointed **Phil Purcell** its new Executive Director. A leading yacht-industry executive with extensive marine-industry sales and boat-show experience, Mr. Purcell served with Westport Shipyard/Yachts for 17 years in senior management positions and as a shareholder. Based in Washington State, Westport is the largest superyacht builder in North America. **Carlos Vidueira**, who has been acting as Executive Director on a part-time basis since 2010, will remain on the board as Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. Purcell's new position begins on Jan. 27, and I will be meeting with him and other MIA SF representatives on Jan. 28.

Fort Lauderdale Currents – To access the City's e-newsletters online, please go to <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs177/1111345979625/archive/1113854099348.html>.

- Help spread the word about the **Las Olas Sunday Market**, sponsored by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Civic Association. More than 30 vendors offer a variety of goods from 9 AM to 3 PM at SE 4th Avenue and E Las Olas.

Event Calendar –

- **Riverwalk Street Dance** is back! Jan. 18 from 6 - 10 PM, Esplanade Park, \$5 Entry Fee.
- **Climate Adaptation Open House Meeting** is Jan. 21 at 5:30 PM, City Commission Chambers, 100 N Andrews.
- **Neighbor Support Night**, a City Hall Open House, is set for Feb. 11 from 6 - 8:30 PM at City Hall.
- **Scottish Festival** is March 1 at Snyder Park. For tickets and other details, see <http://www.SASSF.org>.
- **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** is March 6. For tickets, go to <http://www.ftlpray.org>.

- **My City Hall Office Hours are Mondays from 2 – 5:30 PM and Tuesdays from 9 AM – Noon (in non-Commission weeks).** For appointments, please contact MJ Matthews at 954-828-5028 or mmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov.